



Knicker Bluff.

NEWPORT

VERMONT

Aug. 9, 1938,

Ans^d with

My dear Dr. Spear,

Thank you for your
good letter of the 5th and
for showing with me your letter
from Dr. McCope which I
relate here with the Saints
and the warrior,
and the Child, are mentioned
in it, in the best Christian
tradition.

you will be interested
to know that Professor John
Bowman of Western has
consented to give his address
at the Alumni Fall
Conference. We tried
to get Prof. Ernest Thomsen
of Union, Richmond, but he
was already committed
for that date.

I am earnestly hoping
for a favorable reply

from you regarding the
opening address. The
Seminar.

We are going to have
a splendid entering class
next year. The problem is
one of selection, because
of the number of applicants.
The group of freshmen
students will be unusually
large and well-
prepared.

I am now feeling quite

myself again and for
in long hours of study &
in ~~long~~ each day.

Yesterday I had a visitation
to join the Cross Section
at the University of Edinburgh
Structure in 1940-41.

All yours sincerely,
Caringly yours,
Yours ever,

John Q. Henry

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Knowlton Bluff. ²¹⁵
Newport,
Vermont.

Aug. 4, 1838.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

My dear Dr. Speer,

Another little note to break into your
summer quiet! When you asked to be excused
from taking the historical address - The Alumni
Conference you graciously promised to give
an address to our students sometime later.
Would you not give the opening address of the
Seminary year on Wednesday September 21? The
original idea was that I should give it. I

game is however, case-year. It has become clear
to be that the best arrangement for this address
would be that it should be given in alternate
years by members of the Faculty & the Board
of Trustees, it would be a contribution to, and
a symbol of the cordiality which we are
trying to create between the two bodies. Next
year a member of the Faculty could give the
address. The President of the Seminary always
preaches the opening & the closing sermon of the year.
So please do this for us this year. The hour is 11 a.m.
A committee meeting could be scheduled for the
afternoon, if that seemed wise to you and the visit.
With affectionate regards, yours ever
J. A. Mearns,

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

GEORGE W. LOOS, JR.
ASSISTANT TREASURER

May 20, 1938.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I am glad to enclose the Seminary's check covering your expenses during the past week-end.

You asked me to make a list of items in the By-Laws of the Board which are not being followed to the letter. I assume you have a copy of the latest ones issued by the Special Committee on By-Laws in December 1935, so I shall refer to page numbers on that issue.

Page 3, Item III which we discussed on Monday last.

Page 4, Chapter III, Items 3, 4 and 5. Seldom does a standing committee record in its report the names of those present and absent from the meetings as required by item 3. Frequently a legal quorum of a standing committee is not present when business is transacted. It has occurred that there has been no report from one or more standing committee at a stated meeting of the Board.

Page 7, Item 3. For at least three years the Finance Committee has failed to make a physical examination of the securities in the hands of the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company.

Page 7, Item 6. The time being so short between the end of our fiscal year, April 30th and the May meeting of the Board, the auditors' report is seldom completed before the said meeting, but is handed to the Chairman of the Finance Committee as soon as completed. (This year's audit has been in progress since May 9th and will be completed next week.)

As far as I am aware this completes the list .

Very sincerely yours,

George W. Loos, Jr.

JWS

CENTRAL HANOVER BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

SEVENTY BROADWAY

NEW YORK

June 22, 1938

Re: 52 Brookwood Drive,
Maplewood, New Jersey

Trust Department

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

At its meeting on June 14, 1938 the Finance Committee approved the sale of the above property for \$8,000. with \$1,500. cash. The balance of \$6,500. is to be in the form of a purchase money mortgage for five years with interest at the rate of 5% per annum and amortization of \$200. per annum; both interest and amortization are to be paid quarterly.

We are enclosing duplicate originals of the Contract of Sale carrying out the foregoing, and request that you affix your signature thereto if the said contract is satisfactory. We are also enclosing the proposed deed which should also be executed by you. Your signature on the deed should be acknowledged by a notary public. If a New Jersey notary public is not available it will be necessary for the notary to have a County Clerk's certificate affixed.

Although the closing is set for July 15, 1938, the purchaser is anxious to close at an earlier date if possible. Your immediate attention to this matter will, therefore, be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

CENTRAL HANOVER BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

P.P. Clinton W. Schelling
Mortgage Division

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enclosures

P.S. If you will send the foregoing to us we will forward them to the Secretary for signature.

PITNEY, HARDIN & SKINNER

JOHN R. HARDIN
WILLIAM L. MORGAN
CDRWIN HDWELL
J. FREDERIC WHERRY
WALDRON M. WARD
CARL A. FEICK
SHELTON PITNEY
CHARLES R. HARDIN
JOHN R. HARDIN, JR.
MAHLON PITNEY
FREDERICK FRELINGHUYSEN
WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, JR.
DONALD B. KIPP

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National Newark Building
Newark, N.J.

July 7, 1938

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Re: Princeton Theological Seminary - Profaci
P.Q. 52 Brookwood Drive, Maplewood, N. J.

Dear Sir:

We regret that we find it necessary to return the deed in connection with the above matter, because the acknowledgment is defective. The usual acknowledgment to a deed by a corporation in New Jersey is in the form of a corporate proof, which must be signed by the secretary of the grantor corporation. This is the form of acknowledgment which was printed on the deed in connection with the above matter, and should have been signed by the secretary, before the notary taking the acknowledgment. The notary evidently misconstrued the form and sought to convert it into an acknowledgment by you as president, which rendered it defective.

We have, however, attached to the deed a new form of acknowledgment, which may be made by you as president, before the notary. Will you kindly see that the acknowledgment is dated as of the date you appear before the notary, and that the deed is also dated. A new County Clerk's certificate will be required.

At the request of the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company, we are forwarding the deed directly to you, in order to save time, as Mr. Profaci is most anxious to close the title and enter into possession. Will you kindly see that the deed is returned to us at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

BMCE:LH
Enc.

Pitney, Hardin & Skinner

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

KENNETH S. GAPP, PH. D.
LIBRARIAN

June 20, 1938

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

There is no charge for the books we sent to you a few days ago. The books were found in the duplicate collection of our Library and in the duplicate collection of the University Library, and were obtained without cost to us. The postage is covered by our general rule for professors and trustees.

I hope to find a copy of volume one of the Life of Miller, and shall forward it to you as soon as possible.

I trust that you will keep me informed regarding your study of the New London School and Alison. I shall be very glad to find material for you whenever possible, and assist you in any manner that I can.

Cordially yours,

Kenneth S. Gapp

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

June 29th, 1938

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Our Ministers' Conference got under way on Monday night, despite most unfavorable weather conditions. Ninety-nine have registered to date, seventy-eight for the whole period. In view of the fact that Dr. *Whale* was delayed because of the honorary degree conferred on him by Glasgow University, Dr. Norwood has been giving the evening addresses. We expect *Whale* tomorrow on the BREMEN.

We have in attendance ministers who have come from as far afield as Wisconsin, Florida, and North Carolina. There is a splendid spirit, and I trust that we may be able to make this an annual institution of great significance for ministers. I am enclosing the earlier and later copies of the program, so that you may see what we have been engaged in. Each afternoon the members of the Conference Faculty meet for an hour and a half with those who desire to ask questions or discuss matters dealt with in the lectures.

As soon as I have received the document referred to in your letter, it will be possible to take up with my two colleagues the matter that concerns us. Happily, there has not been the slightest break in personal relations. With me, the issue is very largely an impersonal one of administrative principles and institutional loyalty. I have the fullest confidence that it can all be adjusted satisfactorily upon the basis of the conclusions of your Committee. I trust, however, that it may be possible for us to have an unhurried conference together early in September, in order to be able to go into every phase of the Princeton situation.

In the meantime, may you have a most enjoyable summer.

With affectionate regards to Mrs. Speer and you, I remain

Yours ever,

John A. Norwood

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KENNETH S. GAPP, PH. D.
LIBRARIAN

May 27, 1938

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

I am looking for second-hand copies of the lives of Archibald Alexander and of Samuel Miller. When I find them, I shall mail them to you.

A bibliography of the biographies of our Alumni has never been compiled. You, of course, are acquainted with the Biographical catalogue, 1815 - 1932, and the Necrology of our Alumni. I enclose a list of biographies of Seminary professors. This list probably can be enlarged by the addition of periodical and pamphlet literature. The Index volume of the Biblical Repertory for 1825 - 1868 gives short sketches of all persons who contributed to the review, and this includes many Alumni and friends of the Seminary.

I include a transcript of the article on Alison from the Dictionary of American Biography. You will note the bibliography at the end of the article. Additional information about Alison and the New London school can be obtained by using the index to Records of the Presbyterian Church. I believe that Thomas C. Pears has an article on Alison in preparation. I shall try to find additional material in the next few weeks.

The History of Andover Theological Seminary was published by Henry K. Rowe in 1933. You will want to read M. L. Gambrell's Ministerial training in eighteenth century New England (1937). General historical background can be found in such books as Edwin Oviatt's The Beginnings of Yale (1916) and in S.E. Morison's The Founding of Harvard College (1935) and Harvard in the seventeenth century (1936).

I shall be very glad to give you every assistance in finding material on the early history of theological education. Please send in your requests as questions may occur to you. If you desire to have any of these books immediately, I shall be glad to mail them to you.

Cordially yours,

Kenneth S. Gapp

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LIBRARIAN

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ALISON, FRANCIS (1705-Nov.28, 1779), Presbyterian clergyman, educator, was born in the parish of Leck, county of Donegal, Ireland. After preparation under the Bishop of Raphoe he entered the University of Glasgow. He came to America in 1735, settling first in Talbot County, Md., then at New London, Chester County, Pa. He married Hannah Armitage of New Castle, Del.; of their children the most prominent was the physician, Dr. Francis Alison, Jr. In 1752 he removed to Philadelphia, where he lived and labored till his death.

In Maryland, Alison was tutor in the home of Samuel Dickinson. At New London, having been licensed to preach, he was inducted into the local church May 25, 1737, and continued there till called to Philadelphia. Educational facilities were meager; "there was not a College, nor even a good Grammar School in four provinces, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Jersey, and New York" (Ezra Stiles, p. 431). To remedy the lack, he opened a school (1743), which was officially recognized and subsidized by the Synod of Philadelphia (1744). Such noted men as Charles Thomson, Thomas McKean, and George Read were educated at Alison's school, and, when removed to Newark, Del., it became the foundation of Delaware College. The fame of the master spread abroad and, at the sudden death of the rector of the new academy in Philadelphia, he was referred to as "a gentleman of good learning" who might be secured for the place. Though, at first, "diffident" about undertaking the Latin School, he finally accepted the post at £200 per annum.

In 1754 he and Dr. Smith proposed the "advantage" of being allowed to confer degrees on properly qualified students. A clause granting this privilege was drawn up at the trustees' suggestion and subsequently approved. On Mar. 7, 1755, Alison was chosen vice-provost of the "new institution"--the college--and his name, with that of Dr. Smith, inserted in the draft of the new charter.

Of this long service (1752-79) most favorable judgments were passed by students and trustees. Provost Ewing said "he had an unusual fund of learning and knowledge" which fitted him for "the painful instruction of youth in the College" (Wm. B. Sprague, Annals of the American Pulpit, III, 76). His only weakness as a teacher was "proneness to anger." Of his scholarship there was great praise. Ezra Stiles avowed he was "the greatest classical scholar in America, especially in Greek." Franklin thought him "a Person of great Ingenuity and Learning" (Ezra Stiles, p. 4). That he knew several fields, is suggested by the fact that (1756) it was agreed that he should teach, besides classics, "Logic, Metaphysics and Geography" and "other arts and sciences...." While vice-provost of the College he continued to serve as assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. In the religious turmoil of the day he championed the "Old Side." In 1758, May 24 and 25, he preached two remarkable sermons on Peace and Union Recommended before the Synods of New York and Philadelphia; no other published work is extant. These sermons, An Address to the Rev. Dr. Alison (1765), An Address of Thanks

to the Wardens of Christ Church and St. Peters (1764), and several letters give fleeting glimpses of a mind well informed and keenly active in the religious, educational and political affairs of the day. His philanthropic bent led him to found the Presbyterian Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

In his later years, in spite of vexatious events and illness, he did not cease to labor in public and private. On July 20, 1775, he "entertained the Congress at church and meeting. Such a Fast was never before observed in this city; Sunday was never so strictly kept" (Connecticut Historical Society Collections, II, 292). In 1777 he signed, with others, a protest to the Council of Safety against the "interruptions, quartering of soldiers, which we have met with in the important Business of Education." While ill, he continued teaching at his house, asking that wood be sent there till he was "sufficiently recovered to attend his duty in College..." Later (Mar. 16, 1779) he prayed the trustees to consider that "double the nominal sum" of his former salary was not adequate. His death occurred shortly after the hostile legislature had set aside the character of the institution to which he had given the best of his life.

The most reliable, though fragmentary, sources of information about Francis Alison are: the unpublished Minutes of Trustees of the College, Academy, and Charitable Schools and the unpublished Archives of the Univ. of Pa. (1740-90); Extracts from the Itineraries and other Miscellanies of Ezra Stiles, 1755-1794, with...Correspondence, ed. by Franklin B. Dexter (1916); Leonard Allison Morrison, Hist. of the Alison or Allison Family in Europe and Am. 1135-1893 (1893); J. S. Futhey and Gilbert Cope, Hist. of Chester Co. (1881); Thos. H. Montgomery, Hist. of the Univ. of Pa. (1900).

T. W. (Thomas Woody)

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

January 27, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

Yesterday, on the occasion of visiting in Philadelphia to speak at the Interdenominational Woman's Association luncheon, I had a conferanca with Dr. Mudge. Ha got into touch by telephone with you and it would appear that February 18 will ba the best date for us to get together with Dr. Brunner. My understanding is that we three will meet togathar in the Board rooms at twalve thirty, have luncheon togather immadiately and in the course of tha aftar-noon have our confarenca with Dr. Brunner. He will be on his way South to Richmond, Virginia whera he will spend the following week in connection with tha Sprunt Lecturas, as a special lecturer. This maeting to which we look forward will ba a very important one and a good and necessary preparation for our Administrative Committee meeting on February 20.

You will be interested in a copy of a latter which I have racaivad from the sacretary of the Presbyterian Ministers Union in Philadelphia. Dr. Homrighausen spoke recently to over one hundrad Presby-tarian ministers who wara so anthusiastic about him that they invited him to give threa addresses to the group in March. This is most significant and augurs well for next General Assambly, so far as the Philadal-phia area is concerned.

I am leaving this evening for Titusville, Pennsylvania where I am to speak in the First Presby-tarian Church there, and will be the guest of Mr. Scheide. I than go on to Columbus, Ohio, and then go on to the annual Ohio State Pastors Convention. Next Friday evening we are to have our annual Faculty dinner in Springdale. Dr. Brunnar will be our special guest and we are looking forward to a happy time with forty or fifty members, past and prasant, of our Seminary family, who will be scatterad throughout the old dwelling.

Dr. Robert E. Speer

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January 27, 1939

The second semester has opened up
well.

With most affectionate regards to Mrs.
Speer and you,

Yours ever,

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John A. Mackay

*Dictated by Dr. Mackay but typed
after he had left for Titusville, Pa.
J. L. M.*

COPY

January 9, 1939

The Rev. John A. Mackay, D. D., LL. D
Princeton Theological Seminary
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Dr. Mackay:

It must be that you have received a very much biased account of an address made by Dr. Homrighausen in Philadelphia on December 19. Being chairman of the Executive Committee, in the absence of the president, I occupied the chair.

As I wrote to Dr. Loetscher, the address was most happy and conservative to say the least of it. At the close of the address, I asked Dr. Wailes for comment and he spoke wholeheartedly. In telephone conversations with a number of the brethren afterwards the consensus of opinion was that Princeton was fortunate to have a man of his calibre to occupy a chair. They all feel that one would have to use a finetoothed comb than now exists to detect any unorthodox sentiment in the whole address. He spoke so freely without restraint as if wanting to uncover everything if it should be concealed. All our men would repudiate anything unfavorable to him.

Eubank is not in line with what the men felt and expressed. Dr. Homrighausen should be at home right there in Princeton and its traditions. We feel as Loetscher does, who wrote that he had received many such favorable comments. Eubank admits that he spoke unfavorably not of the address but of a statement in his book. The man of the book and the man of the address ten years afterwards are different.

As a result of his address, we have invited Dr. Homrighausen to give a series of addresses in March - 13, 20, and 27. We are looking forward with considerable interest to that time. I have received word from many sources that men want to hear him.

I am sure he will add to the prestige of Princeton Theological Seminary and conserve the 'Faith of our Fathers'.

I was at one time the New Testament Fellow of the Seminary. So, I have at heart the welfare of the Seminary that is always dear to me.

I beg your pardon for writing, but after I had spoken to Eubank on the phone I felt it was owing both to you and to Dr. Homrighausen to have you know the truth about the address.

Sincerely,

EDWIN H. BRONSON

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

November 23, 1938

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

Some ten days ago you sent me a letter you had received from Dr. Mudge with an annotation of your own at the bottom. Since then I have had an opportunity to interview Dr. Bush's son and Dr. Mackenzie, and have also had occasion to see Dr. Mudge.

I had a very fine talk with Dr. Mackenzie about the matter and related matters. It would appear that he has, from time to time, made references which it would be difficult for the students not to interpret as referring to one of his colleagues. On the other hand, Dr. Mackenzie assured me that he had no intention of attacking anyone, and I have the feeling that he will be much more careful in the future. He is naturally of a very explosive, emotional, and incalculable temperament, and as he has told me more than once, no one is sorrier than he is after he has said something unwisely. I do not think, however, that what gave rise to Dr. Bush's complaint will likely occur again. Dr. Mackenzie is showing the best disposition to be cooperative and shows a spirit of great friendliness. On the other hand, should it appear to me that there is any need of bringing the same matter to his attention again, I will do so. I do not think it is necessary for the Administrative Committee to take any action. The responsibility is primarily my own, and so far as I can sense there is no element in the situation which cannot be dealt with directly.

After the Alumni meeting in Philadelphia on Monday, to which Dr. Brunner had been invited and at which he spoke, I had a conference with Dr. Mudge and Dr. Pugh. Dr. Mudge showed me an anonymous document which you had received through the mail. I do not believe that any one of our students is the author of such a pathetic performance. Not one of the three allegations is true. Each year it is my custom to have at some time during the course of the year an intimate conference with each class in the Seminary. Some weeks ago I met the Senior class, and in the course of my words to them reiterated the principles which I had expressed to them in their Junior year. I told them that in the event of any one of them having a problem concerning the Seminary or its policies, he should in every instance come to me first of all to present his difficulty in order that we might have an opportunity to talk the matter through. When the problem was of a purely personal nature he might choose any one he pleased for his consultant. I regret that you should be worried with communications of this kind, but as I said before, one is utterly helpless against people who condescend to convey falsehoods or innuendoes under the

Dr. Robert E. Speer

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November 23, 1938

immunity of an unsigned missive.

Last evening we had Sir Charles Marston on the campus. You may know him, or about him. He is an outstanding British layman who has financed many archeological expeditions in Bible lands. He, himself, has become quite an authority on Biblical archeology and has written several books to show how marvelously the epics have authenticated the historicity of the Old Testament. His last book has just been published by Revell, under the title, "The Bible Comes Alive."

We had a reception in the afternoon at Springdale to greet him, attended by members of the faculty and some townspeople. We had the largest meeting of the season in the Chapel at seven o'clock. At the close of the meeting Dr. and Mrs. Stewart Robinson entertained Sir Charles and Lady Marston, and a group of us at Princeton Inn.

Dr. Robinson is greatly delighted with Professor Brunner's articles in the Presbyterian. There will be fifteen of them in all. Thus far he has written two. Lest you should not have seen them I am forwarding two copies.

I look forward eagerly to seeing you at the Administrative Committee in December. I will then be able to bring you up to date on all Seminary matters. You may have heard that Dr. Brunner had been ill with an attack of kidney stones. Fortunately he has now quite recovered and is lecturing again.

May you have the happiest of Thanksgivings.

With affectionate regards to Mrs. Speer and you, I remain

Yours ever,



John A. Mackay

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THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

October 31st, 1938
(Dict. October 29)

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

After our last Board meeting I took up with Dr. Brunner his attitude towards our Confession of Faith, Chapter I in particular, and our Formula of Subscription. He repeated the statement that he had no difficulty with either when they were interpreted in terms of the statement of Dr. Charles Hodge regarding the meaning of subscription to the Confession of Faith - namely, that one was committed to the system of doctrine contained therein. He told me, moreover, that our Confession of Faith and Form of Government were the historic creedal statements with which he found himself in greater harmony than any other similar statements that he knew.

Dr. Fugh has not forwarded to me a copy of his letter to Dr. Macartney, but my understanding is that he got in touch with you before finally sending the letter in question. I think your suggestions regarding the procedure to be followed by Dr. Homrighausen are excellent. I have already taken up the matter with him, and I hope that before the December meeting of the Administrative Committee everything will be in order.

I have pondered a good deal your words regarding the "increasing and excessive deliberateness and slowness of statement" in my recent addresses. I know there have been occasions very recently when the stricture implied in your words was perfectly true. But there have been other occasions as recently when this judgment of the friends you refer to would be very far from being true. I judge that they had me speak in circumstances somewhat similar to those which obtained when I dragged myself through my address at the Trustee-Faculty Dinner. My speech tends to become deliberate and drawn out when I find it difficult to be myself. There are three circumstances which tend to produce this condition: exhaustion, the inexpediency of giving full rein to my thoughts on matters upon which I feel strongly, and a feeling of restraint lest the words that I use should be misinterpreted. On the occasion which led to the observation contained in your letter, these circumstances were present in an unusual degree. I would appreciate your assuring the friends you refer to that what they have observed is the expression of a temporary handicap, and no oratorical mannerism of which I am enamored or am in any danger of cultivating. It is, as a matter of fact, something of which I myself have been painfully conscious on certain occasions lately. I trust, however, that hereafter I shall be successful in rising above the special circumstances which tend to produce the trait in question. In the meantime, I thank you and them for the sting of the observation referred to, and pray that no one from now onwards, however they may adjudge the content of what I say, will be subjected to unpleasantness by the way I say it.

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REV. LEWIS S. MUDGE, D.D., LL.D.
STATED CLERK-EMERITUS

WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

November 22, 1938.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Bobby:

Yesterday afternoon I had an extended conference with President Mackay. Dr. Pugh was also present with us for most of the time we were together.

I endeavored to make clear to Dr. Mackay my mind as to the undesirability of public discussions in the press and I understand that he is agreeable to a much more restrained course of procedure. I also urged upon his attention the fact that Dr. Piper's continuance on the teaching staff of the Seminary, if both Dr. Homrighausen and Dr. Brunner were to be permanent members of the faculty, created additional difficulties. One professor of Continental origin, I told him, seemed to me all we could expect our constituency to accept with good grace at one time.

President Mackay told me that he had seen Dr. Bush's son and also Dr. Mackenzie about the reported incidents in Dr. Mackenzie's classroom. My understanding is that Dr. Mackenzie was unable to identify with any accuracy any remarks of his which would bear the interpretation which young Bush had given them. Nevertheless, Dr. Mackay thinks, after having talked with young Bush, that Dr. Mackenzie is not as conscious of the significance of some of his "asides" from the student viewpoint as he ought to be.

I am returning herewith your letter from Dr. Mackay, which I thank you for sharing with me.

Ever affectionately yours,



Lewis S. Mudge
Stated Clerk Emeritus

LSM/s

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

EXECUTIVE HEAD
REV. WILLIAM BARROW PUGH, D.D.
STATED CLERK

GENERAL OFFICE
514 WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

October 18, 1938

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I am very sorry that I received your letter of October 12th after the Minutes of the last stated meeting of the Board of Trustees were written. A copy of these Minutes is probably in your hands by this time.

With reference to the letter of Dr. Macartney, you will note on page 12 of the Minutes that the recommendation taken is exactly as you write it, with the exception of the following words: "that the Rev. Dr. H. Emil Brunner has stated his full agreement with our Confessional Standards including Chapter I of the Confession of Faith regarding Holy Scriptures, and also with the Formula of Subscription in the Plan of the Seminary." Dr. Mackay agreed with the wording of this statement and I naturally took it for granted that any words which were acceptable to him would be acceptable to the Board. I am very sorry, therefore, that I was so hasty in the matter and did not consult you prior to the mimeographing of the Minutes.

I agree with you about our meetings last week. The dinner of the Trustees and Faculty was particularly fine. A great deal of the credit for this, I think, is due to you, for I have seldom heard any more appropriate remarks at a gathering of that sort than you made at the time. You placed real emphasis upon what relations in the Seminary ought to be and yet you did it in such a way as to instil a sense of responsibility for furthering the good will of the Seminary in the hearts of all. An incident of this sort makes it all the more necessary for you to continue as President of the Board of Trustees. I sincerely hope that you can see your way clear to continue in this office for another year.

I am not sure that you have the exact dates of the future meetings of our Administrative Committee. They are

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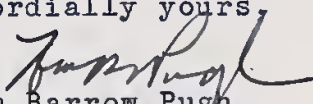
GENERAL OFFICE
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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,

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Monday, December 19, 1938, at 10 o'clock
Monday, February 20, 1939, at 10 o'clock
Monday April 24th, 1939, at 10 o'clock.

Most cordially yours,


William Barrow Pugh,
Stated Clerk.

WBP/H

631 West End Avenue
New York City
October 17, 1938.

My dear Dr. Sheer,

I have your letter in regard to the matter of your being relieved of the Presidency of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Seminary. Personally, I am very sorry that you feel you must insist upon this and I know that the other members of the Board will feel as I do. You make an ideal person for that position and it has been our hope that you would continue to be President indefinitely. However, I must not persist in this matter to which you have given much thought and I can only present your letter when I call my committee together. I shall do that in plenty of time ~~for~~ ^{to} give the question due consideration. I feel sure that there will be a unanimous and sincere reluctance to accept your letter as final and I have no doubt the committee will want you to reconsider the matter. I very much hope that you will still do so and give me the privilege of presenting your name

to succeed yourself as President.

It is always good to see you and I did enjoy our visit together. I envy you these days in the Country with all of its beauty and restfulness. I hope that I may have a similar privilege one of these days.

Very cordially yours

B. F. Farber

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November 1, 1938

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Bobbie:

I am greatly concerned about President Mackay's continued defense of Dr. Brunner. He apparently is once again initiating the process he followed with reference to Dr. Homrighausen. It would seem to me that what he is doing is both unnecessary and highly inadvisable. It produces the very opposite effect from that which he desires to secure. It emphasizes points of possible difference or divergence from the reformed theology which would otherwise pass unnoticed because relatively unimportant and creates the impression in many minds that there is something which must be justified when this may not be the fact.

You will recall that Dr. Loetscher raised the question as to what was his duty and that of others closely related to the Seminary if and when its president pursued the above mentioned policy. May I offer you the suggestion that as President of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary and Chairman of the committee which recently found it necessary to interview professors, you advise Dr. Mackay that silence is golden, especially under present circumstances.

Ever affectionately yours,

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Lewis S. Mudge

LSM:A

December 29, 1938

Mr. John Hinsdale Scheide
Titusville, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Scheide:

Dr. Robert E. Speer has shared with me a letter which he recently received from you in reply to one of his regarding a collection of medieval books and manuscripts which is owned by Dr. Arno Clemens Gaebelin. I very deeply appreciate your kind thoughts regarding the possibility of the Seminary being placed in the happy position of being able to acquire this very valuable collection. Part of my dream for the development of the Seminary is that our great library should go from strength to strength. As you already know, it has one of the greatest collections of hymnology in existence. The library, taken as a whole, is undoubtedly one of the greatest theological libraries in the world.

Dr. Emil Brunner, who is with us this year, and Principal John W. Thale, of Cambridge, England, who was here earlier in the year said they had come across nothing like it in any theological institution.

Some weeks ago Dr. Caldwell invited me to preach for him at Titusville on January 29. I do hope you will be there at that time. I want to talk to you about matters of common interest, and I look forward especially to seeing your collection of Bibles, the fame whereof has gone through all the earth.

With warm personal regards and New Year greetings,

Yours very cordially,

JAM:F

John A. Mackey

December 29, 1938

The Rev. Arno Clemens Gaebelein, D. D.
456 Fourth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Gaebelein:

Dr. Robert E. Speer has kindly shared with me a letter which he recently received from you regarding your collection of books and manuscripts. I feel deeply touched by the fact that you should have thought particularly of our Seminary as the place where you would like your treasures to have a permanent home. I do hope that it may be possible for us to secure the six thousand dollars necessary to purchase the entire collection. I am immediately proceeding to get in touch with gentlemen who may be interested in helping the Seminary make this purchase.

With warm regards,

Yours very cordially,

JAM:F

John A. Mackay

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS FUND
1805-07 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

December 24, 1938

The Rev. E. G. Homrighausen, D. D.
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Brother:

It has been very gratifying to me to hear the unanimously favorable reaction to your address last Monday. They all with one consent have seconded my appeal for you to come speak for us the second, third, and fourth Mondays of March.

This appeal comes with the very hearty accord of such men as W. B. Lower, Eubank, Kaughman, Wailes, Rearick, Wright, Ball, Beery, Klaer, and many others whom I called on the phone and addressed them personally. Eubank said you would fill the hall those three Mondays. They are all enthusiastic about the prospects of March.

Will you kindly confirm this by a note? I understood your titles would be, Christian Reality, The Minister as Teacher, and The Minister as Preacher.

May I add one further word? One brother has said that you owe it to yourself, to the Seminary, and to the Church to state in an article published in one of our denominational papers wherein you have by study and conviction changed your thought on some of the fundamentals of our religion. One example may be the inspiration of the Scriptures. Pardon me if I am presumptuous in this matter. I am writing as a firm admirer.

I am addressing a letter to Craig and Loetscher. I hope this may reach you on Christmas morning with a very hearty and deep-felt greeting for a most happy Christmas and a more favorable New Year than you have ever enjoyed.

My honest personal conviction is that our church cannot afford to lose you from the faculty of its leading seminary. Your work is in the leadership of the ministry into greater things for the Lord Jesus Christ and his Kingdom.

I am writing for the Presbyterian Ministerial Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

Sincerely,

EDWIN H. BRONSON
Chairman of the Executive Committee

JOHN HINSDALE SCHEIDE
TITUSVILLE, PA.

December 20, 1938.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

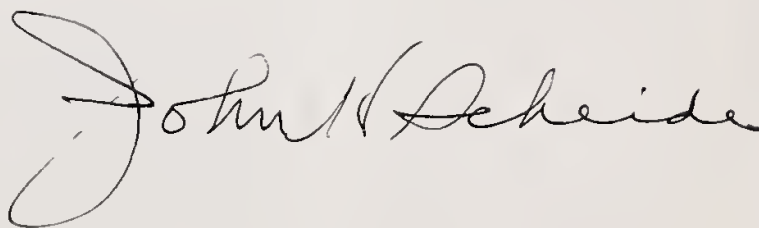
Dear Dr. Speer:

Upon my return from an absence of several weeks from home I find your welcome letter of December 12th with which you transmit a letter from Dr. Gaebelein addressed to you, which I inclose, together with a pamphlet describing his collection of books and manuscripts he wishes to sell.

As you request, I am writing to Dr. Gaebelein and I am taking the opportunity to congratulate him on having formed so distinguished a collection. I am telling him that I would hope it might be possible for his collection to be acquired by the Seminary at Princeton and that while I do not find myself in the position to handle that proposal alone I am willing to be one of a group of ten or fifteen to undertake that. I am returning to Dr. Gaebelein the descriptive catalogue of his library.

With kindest personal regards and the Season's greetings, I am

Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John H. Scheide". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

December 29, 1938

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you ever so much for sharing with me the letters from Dr. Gaebelein and Mr. Scheide. I am writing them both this afternoon. I will also take the matter up with Dr. Gapp.

Last week Dr. Gapp and I went through a collection of autographs of hymn writers sent us by Ernest Dressel North, brother of the author of "Across the Crowded Ways of Life." We agreed that it was more suitable for a museum, and returned the collection to the owner who had asked five hundred dollars for it.

The case of the books and manuscripts in Dr. Gaebelein's collection is quite different, and I do hope that friends of the Seminary will make it possible for us to acquire the collection.

Towards the end of March, I have an engagement in Titusville, Pennsylvania, and look forward with keen anticipation to seeing Mr. Scheide. His pastor and he both feel very kindly toward the Seminary and I have already had an interesting contact with Mr. Scheide.

I have written Dr. Farber suggesting that Mr. Scheide might be a good man to be considered as a successor to Mr. Post on our Board of Trustees. You know Mr. Scheide well, and if you feel as I do regarding him, there would be no harm in sending a line to Dr. Farber who does not appear to know him.

You will be interested in the cutting from the last "The Presbyterian" giving an account of an address given by Dr. Homrighausen to the Presbyterian Ministerial Association of Philadelphia. I enclose also, a copy of a letter which Dr. Homrighausen subsequently received from the Secretary of the Association. It would appear that some of the most conservative men in the Philadelphia area are most enthusiastic about our Professor-elect in Christian Education. This certainly betokens well for next General Assembly, but we must, of course, take nothing for granted as other forces, I know, are silently and insidiously at work.

Dr. Robert E. Speer

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December 29, 1938

I have received some wonderful letters from leading Southern Presbyterian ministers who have heard Dr. Brunner speak during his visit to the South.

Dr. Holmes Ralston is very much concerned lest Dr. Brunner may not stay. This whole matter we must take up calmly and decisively in the course of the next month.

The quotations which you sent me from the old "Princetonian" are priceless and will form part of my incipient collection of Princetoniana.

With affectionate New Year greetings to you and all at Lakeville, I remain

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John A. Mackay". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours ever,".

P. S. I have had copies made of Mr. Gaebelin's and Mr. Scheide's letters and am returning you the originals.

REV. ARNO CLEMENS GAEBELEIN, D. D.
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PRESIDENT, AMERICAN-EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP
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EDITOR OF "OUR HOPE"
AUTHOR AND LECTURER

Dr Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn

Dear Dr Speer:-

I thank you for your Christian love and sympathy expressed in your letter received a few days ago.

It is about the hardest blow I had in my life; it is hard to adjust myself after having lived in a blessed companionship with such a noble and consecrated woman. (54 years)

Now there is matter which I like to lay before you and ask your kind help.

I began to take an interest in my youth in mediaval literature covering especially the Reformation period and gradually collected one of the best private libraries in our country.

It includes some choice manuscripts on vellum, early printed books, the so-called Inunabula and many rare items, some of which can never be duplicated.

I had a catalog printed this year and you will receive a copy in a day or two so that you can study the catalog and see the value of the collection.

I had offers from Yale to sell to them, and also to other institutions, certain items, but I refused as I want to sell the collection as a whole and not have it scattered.

Now Dr Gapp Librarian of the Princeton Seminary is interested and acknowledges the value of the collection. But he tells me they have not the necessary funds to purchase the collection, though I offered to sell it far below it costs me.

I spent nearly \$7750.- but I am willing to sell it to an institution for \$6000.- The collection is in reality part of my savings.

Now I know you are well acquainted with rich Presbyterians and I am quite sure if their attention is called to these manuscripts and books some one would purchase them for Princeton.

This is the matter I want to lay before you and if you can do something in this direction it will be very much appreciated. If I can sell it I want to turn over \$2000.- to Stony Brook for the support of some sons of Presbyterian missionaries.

Very Cordially yours *A. C. Gaebelin*